

## ***Dan Ripley***

**Loara HS / Cypress CC / San Jose State**

**From state champion to world records, '80 Olympic team**

**Cleared 18ft. for 10 consecutive years**



**Loara HS-1971:** PR: PV-14-6

**Cypress CC-1972:** So Cal Finals-1<sup>st</sup> 15-6, State meet-DNC;

**1973:** So Cal Finals-1<sup>st</sup> 15-6, State meet-1<sup>st</sup> 16-0

**San Jose State-1975: Saskatchewan Indoor meet-**During the winter of 1975 Ripley had cleared 17-6 in practice before traveling to Canada. Ripley ended up the surprise of the meet with a 17-9½ winning vault that set a Canadian indoor all-comers record.

**Los Angeles Indoor Games (Sports Arena):** \*world indoor record at 18-½

**1975 Outdoors:** NCAA-2<sup>nd</sup> 18-1 \*shared NCAA, MR, BYU Stadium rec. (Earl Bell-1<sup>st</sup>)

**1976:** New York City-Dan cleared 18-¾ to improve his indoor world record.

**1976 T&F:** West Coast Relays-1<sup>st</sup> 18-0; Injured most of this season

**1976 USA Olympic Trials:** no height

**1977:** West Coast Relays-1<sup>st</sup> 17-6; USA Nationals-2<sup>nd</sup> 17-9 ¾

**1978 AAU Outdoor Nationals:** 1<sup>st</sup> 18-3

**1979: USA/USSR Indoor:** 18-5½ \*world indoor record; AAU Indoor Nationals-1<sup>st</sup> 18-1

**1980: AAU Indoor Nationals-2<sup>nd</sup> 18-2½; 1980 Olympic Trials-tie 2<sup>nd</sup> 18-2½**

**1980 Moscow Olympics:** President Carter's boycott of Russia kept the USA team home.

**1981: AAU Indoor Nationals:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 17-8½

**1982 AAU Outdoor Nationals:** 1<sup>st</sup> 18-9¼ \*World, American record

**1983 European Circuit:** Italy-2<sup>nd</sup> 17-8½; London-1<sup>st</sup> 18-0½

**1984:** UCLA/Pepsi-tie 2<sup>nd</sup> 18-1; Southern Pacific TAC-2<sup>nd</sup> 18-4½

**1984 Olympic Trials:** no height

**Honors:** Track & Field News front cover April 1979

**Coaching career:** As a community college coach Ripley also left a legacy. At Mt. SAC his women won the 1986 state track and field team title... while head women's coach at Long Beach CC Ripley's women won three more state titles in 1995-96, 1999.